(h) whether it is also a fact that most of these drugs are being sold at much lower price than the fixed price; and

(i) if so, what are the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As a part of announcement of Drugs (Prices Control) Order. 1987 BICP was required to carryout cost studies in respect of all the Scheduled drugs including the 31 drugs in question. The progress of such studies is reviewed from time to time.

(b) and (c) Findings of the BICP in respect of Mebhydroline, Cloxacillin, Ampicillin Sodium Sterile and Promethazine have since been received recently. Price of Mebhydroline have been reduced. Price of Doxycycline and Analgin have also been reduced based on the data available.

(d) In reducing the price of Mebhydroline the recommendations of the BICP have been accepted.

(e) and (f) BICP is only a recommendatory body and while taking decision on the prices of drugs all the aspects including their recommendations are taken into consideration.

(g) to (i) Details of earlier prices and the revised prices of the drugs in question are given below:

S. No.	Name of the drug	Earlier price Rs./Kg.	Revised price Rs./Kg.
1.	Doxycycline	5456.00	4968.00
2.	Mebhydroline	1132.18	1010.00
3.	Analgin	313.00	280.00

Reduction in price of Analgin is only interim and of the above there are reports only in respect of this drug.

Decline in production of bulk drugs

2190. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of bulk drugs rose by around 18.6 per cent within four years upto the period 31st March, 1979 based on the suggestions of Hathi Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tempo was maintained under DPCO, 1979 and the growth of production of bulk drugs was around 15.5 perce[illegible]

(c) whether it is also a fact that the growth has declined after 1987 and has come down to around 9.90 per cent;

(d) whether his Ministry have studied the reasons for such decline; and

(e) if so, what are the causes thereof and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWANY): (a) to (c) The drugs and pharamaceutical industry has shown steady growth over the last decade. The production of bulk drugs since 1982-83 is given below:—

Year	Production (Rs. crores)
1	2
1982-83	345
1983-84	355
1984-85	377
1985-86	416

Year	Production (Rs. crores)
1986-87	458
1987-88	480
1988-89	550
*1989-90	610
*1990-91	675

*Estimated.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Profitability on drug industry

2191. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the profitability of drug industry is the highest in the country in comparison to other essential commodities like cement, sugar, textile etc.;

(b) whether his Ministry have made any study in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what was the profitability of 12 leading drug units during the last two years with capital employed and net worth separately;

(e) whether it is also a fact that ceiling of profitability is determined on turnover as per Drugs Price Control Order;

(f) whether it is also a fact that such determination has created satellite small scale units and discouraged investment; and

(g) if so, what steps have been taken to determine return on net worth or capital employed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No systematic study has been carried out in this regard.

(d) Details are not available with the Government.

(e) Ceilings of profitability as specified in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 are applicable to the formulations. Return on bulk drugs is allowed on the basis of networth or capital employed depending upon the option exercised by a manufacturer.

(f) and (g) Some reports of organised sector units marketing the products of small scale sector units have been received by the Government. This aspect would be kept in view while reviewing the drug policy which is in progress.

Investments in drug industry

2192. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no growth of new investments in drug industry after 1987;

(b) what is the total investment of drug industry on plant and machinery as on 31st March, 1990;

(c) what was the investment upto the 31st March, 1987 and what is the growth per year during 1988, 1989 and 1990; and

(d) what is the investment on plant and machinery of IDPL, HAL, Alembic, Sarabhai, Cadila, Ranbaxy, Cipla, Unichem, Standard Organics and Themis and what is the percentage of investment of these companies to the total investment?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) These details are not monitored by this Ministry. Moreover the information asked for is too voluminous and time and labour involved in